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SUBJECT: LOKANDU DETAINEES AND PRISONERS OF WAR

REF: KINSHASA 8473 AND PREVIOUS

1. SUMMARY: ZAIRIAN PRESS AGENCY (AZAP) HAS REPORTED AUGUST 6 VISIT

TO LOKANDU DETENTION CENTER OF STATE COMMISSIONER FOR TERRITORIAL
ADMINISTRATION ENGULU. DETAINEES REPORTEDLY WERE TOLD THAT THEY WOULD
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BE PROVIDED WITH MEDICINES, FOOD, AND CLOTHING AND THAT THOSE EMPLOYE
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WOULD BE ALLOWED TO GO HOME. THE UNEMPLOYED WILL STAY AND FARM THE
LAND AT LOKANDU. MEANWHILE, ICRC DELEGATE JEAN-CLAUDE ROCHAT HAS
STILL NOT RECEIVED PERMISSION TO VISIT EITHER THE LOKANDU DETAINEES
OR THE POW'S. HOWEVER, ROCHAT WAS PERMITTED TO SPEAK WITH ONE POW
WHO HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO KINSHASA FOR INTERROGATION. END SUMMARY.
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2. ICRC DELEGATE ROCHAT HAS MADE NO PROGRESS IN ARRANGING A VISIT
TO SEE THE DETAINEES AT LOKANDU AS STATE COMMISSIONER FOR TERRITORIAL
ADMINISTRATION ENGULU HAS BEEN OUT OF KINSHASA. THE ZAIRIAN PRESS
AGENCY (AZAP) HAS REPORTED ENGULU'S AUGUST 6 VISIT TO LOKANDU
DETENTION CENTER. ENGULU REPORTEDLY WAS APPLAUDED BY THE "COLONY
OF SHABANS" AT THE CENTER WHO ALSO IMPROVISED AN "ANIMATION SESSION"

TO WELCOME THE STATE COMMISSIONER. KIVU REGIONAL COMMISSIONER MULENDA BRIEFLY SPOKE ON ENGULU'S BEHALF AND MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS: A) THE DETAINEES WERE ALL STILL MPR "MILITANTS" AND MOBUTU HAD NOT FORGOTTEN THEM; B) MONEY WAS BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO BUY FOOD AND CLOTHING FOR THEM AND THEY WOULD ALSO BE PROVIDED WITH MEDICINE; C) A COMMISSION WOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO SEPARATE THE REAL

"IRREGULARS" FROM THE OTHERS; AND D) THE UNEMPLOYED WOULD REMAIN AT

LOKANDU AND WORK THE LAND WHILE THOSE "NOT UNEMPLOYED" WOULD RETURN TO THEIR HOMES.

3. REGARDING THE PRISONERS OF WAR, ROCHAT WAS TOLD ON JULY 31 BY GENERAL BABIA, THE COORDINATOR OF THE GENERAL STAFF, THAT HE ONLY WANTED TO CHECK WITH HIS LEGAL STAFF BEFORE GRANTING PERMISSION FOR ICRC TO VISIT THE POW'S. UPON BABIA'S SUBSEQUENT INSTRUCTIONS ROCHAT

SAW COL. BOLOZI, THE ZAIRIAN GENERAL STAFF'S INTELLIGENCE (G-2) OFFICER, ON AUGUST 8. BOLOZI DECLARED THAT HE KNEW OF ONLY ONE POW IN KINSHASA, WHO HAD BEEN BROUGHT FROM SHABA FOR INTERROGATION. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT ROCHAT COULD RETURN ON AUGUST 11 FOR A DEFINITIVE REPLY TO HIS REQUEST TO VISIT ALL OF THE POW'S.

4. ROCHAT WAS ALLOWED TO TALK PRIVATELY WITH THE SINGLE POW FOR ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES. THE PRISONER IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS ONE OF THOSE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ZAIRIANS TAKEN TO ANGOLA BY THE REBELS IN 1977 AND WHO HAD RETURNED TO ZAIRE DURING THIS YEAR'S INVASION. HE HAD NO COMPLAINTS ABOUT HIS CAPTIVITY OR HIS TREATMENT BY THE ZAIRIAN AUTHORITIES.

5. ROCHAT IS CONTINUING HIS EFFORTS TO SEE ENGULU AND TO BE ALLOWED TO TALK TO OTHER POWS.
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